

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2014

Present: Dr. Deidre Gifford, Mr. David Green, Ms. Carolyn Mark, Dr. Victor Mercurio and Mrs. Maryanne Crawford

#9215 Use of School Buildings by Religious Organizations

Mrs. Crawford provided background information from Mr. Wilmarth regarding the group at EGHS and Cole. Both groups use the auditoriums for their religious services. The high school is used year round from 7-8:00 a.m. to about 2:00p.m. on Sundays. The group at the high school has been moved for other events (i.e., dance troupe). The group is looking to purchase a facility in the area and has explored a building on Main Street, which did not work out. Mr. Wilmarth has not received any complaints regarding sharing the parking lot or the building with other groups. The group does post a temporary sign each week, which is removed before they leave. They pay a standard rental fee of \$55 per hour and have provided in-kind services (enhancements for lighting, sound), which were not in lieu of payment. A facility use form is typically filled out late spring/summer for the year.

Dr. Gifford polled the Committee to ask whether this current situation violates district policy. All members voted no, except Dr. Gifford. Dr. Gifford thinks the group has clearly established a home in East Greenwich for the past 4-5 years, made capital improvements, and is using the school as a church. The next step is to speak with the church group to determine their plans to move and the timeframe. If they do not plan to move, the next step is to revisit the policy.

Fundraising for Field Trips and COA

Lisa Sussman contacted Dr. Gifford about COA fundraising and the hit the group took due to not sending flyers home. After conversation, it was determined COA does not violate district policy and may send flyers home.

#8245 Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Ms. Mark reviewed the revisions and noted all changes were made to align with state statute. The answers to the questions posed to Attorney Oliverio were discussed. The interpretation of "principal" may mean designee. There was discussion regarding #9-Parents/Guardians and the timeframe of notification. Ms. Mark noted this language is directly from the state. This policy is ready for a first read at the May 6th SC meeting.

Code of professional conduct for staff/administrators

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Policy for “above grade level placement”

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other

Attorney Oliverio provided the legality of the “Schools Rights to Search and Monitor” in regards to #10-110-Acceptable Use Policy. This policy will be discussed at the May 9th meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

May 9, 2014

June 6, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO
SECRETARY